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Mr. Robert L. Steele
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Dear Mr. Steele:

Re: Gardner Canyon, Nebo Gypsum Mine, M/023/015, Juab County, Utah

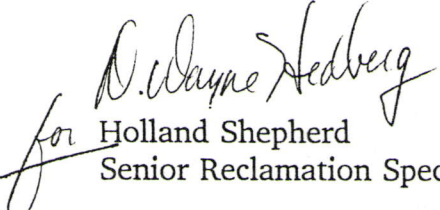
This letter is in response to your letter dated February 23, 1991, concerning the designated filing status of the Nebo Gypsum Mine. The site is currently filed in our records as a large mine operation (75 acres). The reason why it was filed as a large mine is because the original notice indicated that 20-30 acres of disturbance could be expected over the life of the mine (30-40 years mined at 100,000 tons per year).

You have indicated in your recent correspondence that the site will disturb 2.5 acres. Have you included the mines access road in this calculation? Any road which does not have a postmine use must be reclaimed and will be calculated into the total disturbed acreage.

You may file a Small Mine Notice of Intent as long as the disturbance is less than or equal to 5 acres. However, as soon as the acreage goes beyond 5 acres, you must have a large mining operation permit and reclamation surety in place. If the permit and surety are not in place, and the operation is over 5 acres, the Division would be forced to order a cessation of the operation.

The Division would like to verify the existing disturbance and proposed disturbance with you in the field, and would like to invite Forest Service staff to attend the site visit and meeting. Please contact us at your earliest convenience to make arrangements. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,


for Holland Shepherd
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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